

REMARKS

In the Office Action, a restriction requirement is set forth requiring election of one of allegedly patentably distinct species including: (1) claims 17 and 40-41, drawn to co-deposition of metal ions and carbon nanotubes including spin-coating; (2) claim 15, drawn to co-deposition of metal ions and carbon nanotubes including the use of an electric field; and (3) claims 19, 31-34, 37-39, drawn to co-deposition of metal ions and carbon nanotubes including formation of a passivation layer.

In response, Applicant hereby provisionally elects species 1, drawn to co-deposition of metal ions and carbon nanotubes including spin-coating, if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant has taken this opportunity to amend claims 2, 10, 17-19, 31, 35, 36, 40, and 41 to depend from elected claim 17. In addition, claims 1, 5-9, and 15 have been canceled, and claim 42 added. It is respectfully asserted that claims 2-4, 10, 11, 18, 19, and 31-42 are readable on the elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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